NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT: I have received this morning also a notice for adjournment of the House. The notice reads thus :—

> "I beg to give notice of a motion to adjourn the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, the serious obstruction to trade and shipping at the Alleppey Port by accretion of sand which prevents the using of 9 out of 11 stages of the pier".

And then it is explained :—

> "The accretion of sand began in 1933 and measures then taken have served only as a temporary arrangement. The need for permanent arrangement is imperative and the situation has been recently aggravated by the fact that the mud-bank has failed during this monsoon."

If that last statement had not been made, the motion would have been out of order, for the motion evidently tries to draw attention to an incident which happened in 1933 and still continues. But in view of the last statement that this fact has been aggravated by the failing of the mud-bank, it would certainly be regarded as a recent event of public importance. For that reason, I am prepared to hold that the motion is in order.

No objection having been taken by the House the motion was declared admitted.

PRESIDENT: The date on which the motion will be taken up will be decided tomorrow.

PRESIDENTS STATEMENT REGARDING BUDGET DISCUSSION.

PRESIDENT: Under Rule 69, the debate on the Budget will begin with a general discussion and be followed by the voting of Demands for Grants. Representations having been made to me that the two days' time allotted for general discussion was inadequate, I have this year allotted one more day for the purpose. The maximum of seven days allowed under Rule 71 has been set apart for the voting of Demands for Grants. The Demands will be taken up in the order in which they are printed in the List of Demands, copy of which has been already furnished to honourable members. In fixing the order in which the Demands are to be moved and voted upon, I have taken care to see that precedence is given to the Demands relating to the three Departments of Land Revenue, Public Works and Education whose activities, more than any other, impinge on the welfare of the people, and to enable the House to get an opportunity to discuss some of the Demands which for want of time were not reached in previous years. The first three Demands, *viz.*, Land Revenue, Education and Public Works, may each be discussed for one whole day; and not more than half a day will be allotted for each of the remaining Demands.

Every member, other than the Financial Secretary, will be allowed, during the general discussion stage, not more than fifteen minutes as usual. But I hope honourable members will, while not unduly restraining themselves, allow as many non-official members as possible to participate in the discussion and also render it possible to give the Government members adequate time for reply. It will be recognised

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that a discussion in which non-official members alone have taken part will lack in completeness, and that, unless official members too have had an opportunity of explaining or clarifying points raised in the House in the course of the debate, its full value cannot be secured.

When voting on the Demands for Grants, every mover and the official member who has the right of reply will be allowed ten minutes each and the other members five minutes each. Standing Order No. 59 requires notice of every motion to be given to the Secretary two clear days before the day on which the Demand comes up for consideration. Late motions will not be accepted. It will facilitate business if honourable members giving notice of token motions—which can most conveniently be for a reduction of one rupee – will also specify the purpose underlying the proposed cut and take care to see that the cut motions are confined to amounts entirely votable.

In calculating the number of hours to be allotted for the voting of Demands, I propose to follow the procedure which was adopted last year with the concurrence of the House. A day will be taken as from 11 A. M. to 5 P. M. One hour being available for question time, and another hour (1 to 2 P. M.) as lunch interval, the remaining four hours will be treated as one full day and two hours as half a day. If the whole of the first hour is not taken up for questions and answers, the time left over will be available for the voting of Demands for Grants. Such available time will not go to increase the time allotted for any particular Demand, but will be available to the House and thus enable them to reach more Demands.

RAO SAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Sir, with your permission I wish to make a motion. The House is aware that a motion for the adjournment of the House to discuss the question of remission of land tax and the stay of coercive proceedings is put down for this afternoon. This is a matter concerning the Land Revenue Department and in discussing this motion the House will expect that the Government should place before the House all the relevant facts and figures. The Land Revenue Commissioner is the Officer fully conversant with these facts and figures and it will be an advantage to the House itself to have the Land Revenne Commissioner in the House when the motion is taken up for discussion. Owing to some unforeseen circumstances, Mr. George is not present here today. He is expected to attend the House on Wednesday; and so, Sir, I wish to make the motion that the adjournment motion put down for this afternoon may be postponed to Wednesday afternooon.

PRESIDENT : It is true that when this motion was adjourned to Monday, it was deliberately for the purpose of enabling Mr. George, who was then on leave, to be in a position to attend the House today. The calculation at the time was that all will be well with him and that he may be able to come this morning. But fate having decreed otherwise, he has lost his father and therefore he is unable to come either today or tomorrow,

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[President.]

I think it is due the House itself that any facts which are placed before them by the Treasury Bench must emanate from a responsible officer or one who will be in a position to place accurate, correct and unchallangeable facts. That, the House will realise, cannot be done except by the Head of the Department and as he is unavoidably absent today, it is only fair, I think, that this motion should not come up for discussion this afternoon. I know, as President I have got the power to adjourn any motion. I have also got the power to revise the agenda before the House. But, since I had made the House understand the other day that this motion would be taken up this afternoon, I am certainly obliged to be guided by the advice of the House and if the House has no objection to this motion being adjourned, I will adjourn it to Wednesday afternoon. I take it that the House has no objection; and the adjournment motion which has been tabled for this afternoon will not be taken up today. The whole of the afternoon will be utilised for the general discussion of the budget and this motion will be taken up for Wednesday. In the meanwhile there is another motion which has been posted for tomorrow.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Sir, the Budget for 1111 is a deficit budget and no one is sorry for it. It is a bold budget ; and it is an open budget. We are glad to see that nothing is hidden from us by the present Acting Financial Secretary. The Government as well as the Financial Secretary have clearly given all facts and figures in the buget about the liabilities and other incidents of expenditure that ought to be incurred by the Government during the course of next year. Sir, hardly till now, there was any financial policy so far as Travancore Government was concerned. But today as a result of the Financial Secretary's speech while presenting the Budget before the House, we find that the Government have taken a bold, advanced and forward move in declaring a financial policy of a sound nature, useful character and high order. All honour for this is due to the present Dewan, Sir Muhammad Habibullah for his statesmanship, sympathy and wide outlook in seeing that a financial policy for the betterment of the country, for the advancement of the people and for the improvement of the industrial conditions of the State is introduced.

Sir, Travancore is practically in a transitional stage now. Travancore had been an agricultural country all along. The representatives of the people have been submitting to the Government that agriculture is not at all paying, that the agriculturists have become regular debtors and that, unless and until some sort of industrial revolution is effected in this State, there will be no good for the people of the State. As a result of this agitation, I am glad to see that the Government have launched into schemes for industrial and agricultural revivals in the State. We find an all-round change in the Budget. There is a change in the ideas and ideals of the Government. We find there is provision for industrial revival, for the development of agriculture, for the promotion of art, for the improvement of the amenities of life of

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